

THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GEOMORPHOLOGY

National Research Council Building Board Room

July 7, 1943

Present: Dr. W. H. Rubey, Chairman.  
Dr. O.E. Guthe.  
Dr. Van Valkenburg.  
Dr. Richard Hartshorne,  
Major J. A. Russell.  
Mr. W. H. Bradley.  
Lt. Colonel McCaffery.  
Dr. H. M. Kendell.  
Ensign K. H. Stone (JISPB representative).

Dr. Rubey opened the meeting by requesting Dr. Van Valkenburg to present the results of his committee's work and any questions as to the future of his committee.

Dr. Van Valkenburg discussed the work that had been done by his committee and the work that they hope to do in the future. He indicated that they wish to find out what other work is of use to the Army and possibly to the Navy.

The committee was set up to make a break down on the morphology of areas in the MEDITERRANEAN region and to collect pictures to illustrate the regions.

The work of the committee is done by various individuals in civilian status who have first-hand familiarity with the regions about which they are writing and with source materials on those regions. They have now prepared studies on SICILY, CALABRIA, PELOPONNESUS, and the DINARICS (not complete). These studies are accompanied by a map showing the morphologic regions on a scale of 1/500,000.

Ensign Stone and Major Russell agreed that the work of this committee would be exceedingly helpful in the preparation of Section II for the Joint Army and Navy Intelligence Studies. However, due to security, it was impossible to indicate the specific areas upon which work should be done. This group indicated that areas which should be immediately prepared probably could be chosen easier by Dr. Van Valkenburg. Dr. Van Valkenburg then indicated that his committee would not wish to duplicate by preparing studies on areas on which studies have already been prepared. Ensign Stone then indicated that it would not appear desirable to assume that all prepared studies were as accurate or in as great detail as the work which would be done by Dr. Van Valkenburg's committee; on this point the other members of the group agreed.

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It was agreed that a copy of each report would be submitted to Major Russell. Major Russell will take care of the reproduction of the reports and will also offer aid in getting the reproduction of the pictures. Where necessary, the OSS will also offer aid on these points.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ensign K. H. Stone, USNR  
Secretary